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Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 51/45 N of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 G of 9 December 1997,

Convinced that a comprehensive and integrated approach towards consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures such as demobilization, reintegration and reconciliation is a prerequisite to maintaining and consolidating peace and security and thus provides a basis for effective rehabilitation and social and economic development in areas that have suffered from conflict,

Noting with satisfaction that the international community is more than ever aware of the importance of such practical disarmament measures especially with regard to the growing problems arising from the excessive and destabilizing accumulation and proliferation of

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small arms and light weapons which pose a threat to peace and security and reduce the prospects for economic development in many regions,

Stressing that further efforts are needed in order to develop and effectively implement programmes of practical disarmament in affected areas,

Recalling the deliberations on "Guidelines on conventional arms control/limitation and disarmament, with particular emphasis on consolidation of peace in the context of General Assembly resolution 51/45 N" in the United Nations Disarmament Commission and the report of the Panel of Governmental Experts on Small Arms and its relevance in the context of this resolution and of the ongoing work in the United Nations Disarmament Commission,

1. *Stresses* the particular relevance of the deliberations in the 1998 substantive session of the United Nations Disarmament Commission "Guidelines on conventional arms control/limitation and disarmament, with particular emphasis on consolidation of peace in the context of General Assembly resolution 51/45 N" as a useful basis for further deliberations and encourages the United Nations Disarmament Commission to continue its efforts aimed at the adoption of such guidelines in 1999;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General of 19 August 1997 on "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures" as requested by resolution 51/45 N, and encourages once again Member States, as well as regional arrangements and agencies, to lend their support to the implementation of recommendations contained therein;

3. *Invites* the group of interested States which was formed in New York in March 1998 to continue to analyse lessons learned from previous disarmament and peace-building projects as well as to promote new practical disarmament measures to consolidate peace, especially as undertaken or designed by affected States themselves;

4. *Encourages* the group of interested States to lend their support to the Secretary-General in responding to requests by Member States to collect and destroy small arms and light weapons in post conflict situations;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session an item entitled "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures".